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MISSIONS

REFS: (A) STATE 89484; (B) BONN 6249; (C) USBER 736
(ALL NOTAL)

1. TO ROUND OUT THE RECORD, THE NETHERLANDS DCM IN
BONN HAS BRIEFED US ON PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY NETHERLANDS
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. VAN LYNDEN IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR
RECENT VISIT TO BERLIN.

2. AMBASSADOR VAN LYNDEN USED A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT
IDENTIFYING HIM AS THE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR AT BONN,
AND BARONESS VAN LYNDEN'S DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT IDENTIFIED
HER AS THE WIFE OF THE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR AT BONN.
THEY OBTAINED GDR VISAS IN ADVANCE AND, AFTER
ARRIVAL IN WEST BERLIN BY AIR, THEY ENTERED THE GDR AT
DREWITZ AND RECEIVED A GDR ENTRY STAMP THERE.

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3. WHILE STAYING IN EAST BERLIN, THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY
THERE TURNED THEIR PASSPORTS OVER TO THE POLICE FOR
REGISTRATION. NO POLICE STAMP WAS PLACED IN THE
AMBASSADOR'S PASSPORT. BARONESS VAN LYNDEN'S PASSPORT
DID, HOWEVER, RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING STAMP:

AUFENTHALTBERECTIGUNG FUER DIE DDR

DER BEZIRK ... DDR-BERLIN ...

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4. THE WORDS "DDR-BERLIN" WERE INSERTED WITH A SEPARATE RUBBER STAMP ON THE LINE FOR THE NAME OF THE BEZIRK. THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO "HAUPTSTADT DER DDR."

4. THE NETHERLANDS DCM THOUGHT IT INTERESTING TO SPECULATE THAT FAILURE TO STAMP THE AMBASSADOR'S PASSPORT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A TACIT RECOGNITION OF HIS SPECIAL STATUS IN BERLIN, BUT WE AGREED THERE WAS NO WAY TO VERIFY THAT SPECULATION. WE AGAIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY FOR HAVING CONSULTED WITH US ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED. STOESSEL

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